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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend Chapter 28 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to prohibit the use of the Master Business License list other than by the District government for official use, to prohibit the District government from releasing Federal Employer Identification numbers and Social Security numbers of persons who apply for a Master Business License except under certain circumstances, to implement an amnesty program until May 31, 2003, and to amend § 204(a) of the Freedom of Information Act of 1976 to make conforming amendments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Master Business Registration Delay Act of 2003".

Sec. 2. Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended as follows:

(a) Section 47-2851.06 is amended by adding new subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

“(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of District law, information submitted to the Center under this chapter shall not be made available to the public except a person may be furnished with such information for one registrant based upon the submission of either the name or address of the registrant; provided, that the person shall be limited to one request per day.”.

“(d) Federal Employer Identification numbers and Social Security numbers shall not be released to the public, except if:

“(A) Requested by a law enforcement agency; or

“(B) Directed by a court order.”.

(b) Section 47-2851.19(a) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 47-2851.10 or any other provision of District law, any business subject to the licensure requirements of this chapter which has not obtained a license to do business in the District of Columbia may, without penalty, apply for a master business license by May 31, 2003.”.

Sec. 3. Section 204(a) of the Freedom of Information Act of 1976, effective March 29, 1977 (D.C. Law 1-96; D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)) is amended as follows:

(a) Subsection (8) is amended by striking the phrase “; and” and inserting a semi-colon in its place.

(b) Subsection (9) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase “; and” in its place.

(c) A new subsection (10) is added to read as follows:

“(10) Information exempt from disclosure by D.C. Official Code § 47-2851.06.”.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the attached fiscal impact statement as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code §1-206.2(c)(3)).

Sec. 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as

provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
Columbia Register.

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